the provisions contained in the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, as amended from time to time. As on 8.5.2000, 81 officers belonging to organised Group "A' services where working on deputation at the level of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and above in organisations/bodies, controlled by the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India on the basis of appointments made through the Department of Personnel & Training.

(b) The tenure of officers belonging to Group "A" organised services appointed on deputation to organisations/bodies is as prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules. For posts filled under the Central Staffing Scheme, the tenure is as follows:—

	Level	Tenure
1.	Deputy Secretary	4 years
2.	Director/Joint Secretary	5 years
3.	Additional Secretary	4 years
4.	Secretary	no fixed tenure

(c) Information on the number of officers appointed on deputation to various organisations/bodies by modes other than through the Department of Personnel & Training and such officers continuing on deputation for more than five years, in respect of the various Group "A' organised services, is not centrally maintained. However, as on date, none of the officers of Group "A" Central Services appointed through the Department of Personnel & Training to organisations/bodies controlled by the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, on deputation basis, has been continuing on deputation for more than five years.

(d) Officers sent on deputation are reckoned against deputation reserve built in the Cadre of each service. hence their absence from their parent cadre while they are on deputation, does not adversely affect their own service or it should not be implied that they are surplus in their parent service.

(e) Extension in the tenure of deputation is allowed in public interest and the officers revert to their parent cadre on the expiry of extended period of deputation.

Recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission Relating to the Pensioners

*658. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission relating to the pensioners have not been accepted and implemented in its entriety;

(b) if so, the provisions which have remained inoperative due to their non-acceptance by Government and, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would give a second look to this recommendation so as to benefit nearly 38 lakh pensioners in the country who are already hard hit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. Almost all the major recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission have been accepted and implemented by the Government as indicated in the annexed Statement. (*see* below)

(b) to (d) Two major recommendations have not been accepted relate to reduction in the period of restoration of commuted portion of pension and grant of additional pension for additional service. These recommendations were not accepted talking into account all relevant factors including financial implications. There is no proposal to re-consider the decisions in this regard.

Statement

Salient recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission which have accepted and implemented by the Government are as under:—

1. Minimum pension has been increased from Rs. 375/- to Rs. 1275/- as against Rs. 1220/- per month recommended by the Pay Commission.

2. Parity in pension : Complete parity between past and present pensioners at the level of the Fourth Pay Commission and modified parity thereafter.

3. Immediate relief to pensioners on acceptance of Pay Commission recommendations by improving the formula recommended by the Commission. This was done by consolidating on the basic pension/

family pension - DR at CPI 1510, interim relief I & II and fitment weightage of 40% instead of 20% as recommended by the Pay Commission.

4. Consolidated pension to be not less than 50% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay as on 1.1.1996 of the post last held by the pensioner.

5. Definition of emoluments modified to include DA for purpose of gratuity.

6. Adoption of a uniform rate of 30% of pay as family pension for all categories of employees against the varying rates of family pension prior to 1.1.1996.

7. Enhancement in the rate of commutation of pension from one third to 40% of pension.

8. Pensioners/Family Pensioners being given Dearness Relief on the same scale as that of serving employees.

9. Grant of Rs. 100/- as medical allowance to eligible pensioners residing in areas not covered by CGHS facilities.

10. Extension of Dearness Relief to employed family pensioners and re-employed pensioners whose pay is fixed at the minimum of the scale.

Indo-US Cooperation

*659. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three documents for closer Indo-US cooperation were signed during recent visit of US President to New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof; and

(c) the steps since taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a)Yes. Sir.

(b) During the recent visit of President Clinton to India, Prime Minister Vijpayee and President Clinton singned a Statement outlining their vision of a new relationship between India and the United States. The two countries